

THE  
LAWVES  
OF THE  
MARKET.



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# The Lawes of the Market.

First, in all the Markets of this Citie, no victuall shall bee sold, but by the price set by the Maior of this Citie.

2 No man shall forestall any victuall comming to the Market, as so to buy in any Inn or other priarie place, or yet comming to the Market, whether it be found in the hands of the buyer or of the seller, under paine of forfeiture of the same: and no In-holder shall suffer any thing to bee sold in his house, upon paine of forfeiture of xl.s.

3 No man shall regrate any victuall which is in the market, or buy any victuall to ingrate in the market, so that the commonons can or may have any part of such victu-

A 3 all,

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all, as in especiall such as be known for hucksters, or other people, occupying their living by such victual as they would so ingrosse, under paine of forfeiture of such victuall so regrated: provided alwaies that any steward for any noble feast may buy or ingrate such victuall as is convenient for the same feast.

4 No butter shall be sould but according to the weight for the time of the yeare allowed.

5 No Poulters shall deceivably occupie the Market, to sel any stale victuall, or such as be Poulters of this Citie, for to stand in strange cloathing so to doe, under paine of xl.s. & the forfeiture of such victuall.

6 No Hucksters shall stand or sit in the Market, but in the lower place and the ends of the Market, to the in-

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intent they may be perfectly knowne, and the Stranger market-people have the preheminence of the Market, under paine of iii.s.iii.d. if the Hucksters disobey the same.

7 No unwholesome or stale victuall shal be sold, under paine of xl. s. and forfeiture of the same victuall.

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*The Statutes of the Streetes  
of this Citie, against  
Noyfances*

FIrst, No man shall sweepe the filth of the street into the Chanell of the Citie, in time of any rain, or at any other time, under paine of vi.s.viii.d.

2 No man shall cast, or lay in the Streets, Dogges, Cats, or other carrion, or any noysome thing, contagious of Aire. Nor no Inholder shall lay out dung out of his house,

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but if the cart be readie to carrie  
the same away incontinently, un-  
der paine of xl.s.

3 No Brewere shall cast, wilfull-  
ly, Dregs, or drosse of Ale or Beere  
into the chaneil, under paine of ii.s.

4 No man shall encumber the  
streets with timber, stones, carts or  
such like, under paine of forfeiture  
of the same thing that so encumbe-  
reth the streets, which is twentie  
shillings fine, if he remove it not at  
the warning of the Sergant of the  
Market.

5 Everie builder of houses ought  
to come to the Maior, Aldermen,  
and Chamberlaine for a speciall  
license for hourd of, by him to bee  
made in the high Streete, and no  
builder to encumber the Streetes  
with any manner of thing taken  
downe for the preparing of his new  
building, under paine of fortie shil-  
lings,

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lings, except he make a hound of for-  
tie shillings.

6 No man shall set any Carts in  
the streetes by night-time, under  
the paine of xii. d. & recompence to  
such persons as shall be hurt there-  
by, if any such be, xii. d.

7 No Budge man shall lead but  
two horses, and he shall not let them  
go unled, under paine of ii.s.

8 No man shall ride, or drive his  
carre or carte a trotte in the streete,  
but patiently, under paine of ii.s.

9 No man shall gallop his horse  
in the streete, under paine of ii.s.

10 No man shall shoot in the street  
for wager or otherwise, under like  
paine of ii.s.

11 No man shall bowl, or cast any  
stone in the streete, for wager or  
gain, or such like, under paine of  
ii.s.

12 No man shall digge any hole in  
the

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the streete for any matter, except he stop it up again, under pain of ii.s. and recenepence to any person hurt thereby, ii. s.

13 No man shall burie any dung or young, within the Liberties of this Citie, under paine of xl.s.

14 No Young-fermer shall carrie any Ordure till after ix. of the clocke in the night, under paine of thirteen shillings four pence.

15 No Young-fermer shall spill any Ordure in the street, under paine of xiii.s.iii.d.

16 No man shall bait Bull, Bear, or Horse, in the open street, under paine of xx.s.

17 No man shall have any Kine, Goats, Hogs, Pigs, Hens, Cockes, Capons, or Duckes; in the open street, under pain of forfeiting the.

18 No man shall mantaine any biting Curses, or mad Dogges, in the

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the street s, under paine of ii.s. and  
recompence unto every partie hurt  
therewith ii.s.

19 No Carts that shall bee shod  
with Spig nayle, that shall come  
upon the streets of this Citie, under  
paine of iii.s.iii.d.

20 No Carts using daily carriage  
within this Citie, nor Car, shall  
have wheeles shod with any Iron,  
but bare, under paine of vi.s.

21 No man shall burn any straw,  
rushes, or other thing, linnen, or  
wollen, in the streets by night, or  
by day, under paine of iii.s.iii.d.

22 No man shall blow any horne  
in the night, within this Citie, or  
whistle after the houre of nine of  
the clock in the night, under paine  
of imprisonment.

23 No man shall use to go with  
vizards, or disguised by night, un-  
der like paine of imprisonment.

24 Made

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24 Made that night-walkers &  
Eues-droppers like punishment.

25 No hammer-man, as a Smith,  
a Pewterer, a Founder and all Ar-  
tificers, making a great sound,  
shall worke after the houre of nine  
in the night, nor afore the hour of  
four in the morning, under paine  
of iii.s.iii.d.

26 No man shall cast into the dit-  
ches of this Citie, or the Sewers of  
this Citie, without the wals, or in-  
to the walls, grates, or gullets of  
this Citie, any manner of Carri-  
on, stinking flesh, rotten fish, or  
any rubbish, dung, sand, gravell,  
weeds, stones, or any other thing,  
to stoppe the course of the same, un-  
der paine of cleansing thereof, at  
his owne cost and charge, under  
paine of imprisonment.

27 No man shall make any wided  
rawtes in any of the Towne Dit-  
ches,

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ches, or the Towne gulletts, under  
paine of xx.s.

28 No man shall build nigh the  
walles of the Citie, without license  
of the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and  
Chamberlaine , under paine of  
throwing downe the same, and no  
license may bee granted, except  
that the Chamberlaine freely at all  
times convenient and needfull for  
ingresse and entry, outgoing, and  
cleare recourse.

29 No man shall go in the streets  
by night or by day, with bow bent,  
or Arrows under his Girdle, nor  
with sword unscabberd , under  
paine of imprisonment : or with  
hand gun, having therewith pow-  
der & match: except it be in an usu-  
all May-game or sight.

30 No man shall after the houre  
of nine at the night, keepe any rule  
whereby any such sudden out-crie  
bee

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bee made in the still of the night, as  
making any affray, or beating his  
wife, or servant, or singing or revi-  
ling in his house, to the disturb-  
ance of his neighbors, under pain  
of iii.s.iii.d.

31 No man shall make any affray  
upon any Officer, which with good  
demeanor doth his meslge by com-  
mandement of the Lord Mayor, or  
any Alderman, or M. Sherifffes, or  
M. Chamberlain, or mis-behave  
himselfe in any rayling upon any  
Judge of this Citie, or their offi-  
cers, which by commandement are  
sent to bring any breaker of this  
law and custome to Ward, or to di-  
stresse, or such like, upon pain of im-  
prisonment of fortie dayes, and for-  
feiture of the double penalty, for the  
offences assailing: railing upon any  
Alderman or Mayor in his office,  
is iudgement of the pillorie: rail-  
ing

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ing upon Master Chamberlain in his office, fortie dayes imprisonment: beating, threatening, and railing on an officer is imprisonment, after as the trespass is.

32 Memorandum, That every offence found in this Citie, it is accustomed that the Officer, a freeman finding it, which is called Primus Inventor, hath halfe the penaltie bythe grace of the Court.

33 Also every freeman may finde any offence, but he hath no power to bring the partie before any Judge of this Citie, without an officer, except the party will come to his answer by free will.

34 No man hath power to arrest, attach, or make distres of any goods forfeitable, or offences, except a Constable or Sergeant of the Mace.

35 No Butcher or his servant shall use to drive any Oxe or Oren a trott

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trott in the Streets, but peaceably  
and if an Ore happen to be let goe,  
when he is prepared to slaughter,  
the Butcher shall forfeit ii.s. besides  
recompence, if any person be hurt  
thereby.

36 No Butcher shall scald Hogs,  
but in the common scalding house,  
upon paine of vi.s. viij.d.

37 No Butcher shall sell any mea-  
sell Hog or unwholsome flesh, under  
paine of x. li.

38 No butcher shall sell any olde  
stale victuall: that is to say, above  
the slaughter of three daies in the  
Winter, and two in the Summer,  
under paine of x.li.

39 None unreasonable Victuall  
for all manner of victualls.

40 No Victular of this Citie  
shall give any rude or unsitting  
language, or make any clamor up-  
on any man or woman in the open  
market,

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market, for cheapening of victual,  
under pain of iii.s.iii.d.

41 No Butcher shall cast the in-  
wards of beasts into the streetes,  
cleaves of beasts feet,bones,hornes  
of Sheepe, or other such like, under  
paine of ii.s.

42 The pudding cart of the sham-  
bles shall not goe afore the houre of  
nine in the night,or after the houre  
of five in the morning,under paine  
of vi.s.viii.d.

43 No man shall cast any tarre  
holes or ordure holes into the  
streets by day or night, afore the  
houre of nine in the night:and also  
hee shall not cast it out, but bring  
it down, and lay it in the Channell  
under the paine of iii.s.iii.d. And  
if he doe cast it upon any persons  
head,the party to have a lawfull re-  
compence, if he have hurt the reb.

44 No man shall hurt, cut,or de-

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stroy

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stroy any pipes, Hesperalls, or  
wind-vents, pertaining to the Con-  
duit, under paine of imprisonment,  
and making satisfaction, though  
hee doth it out of the City, if he may  
be taken within the City.

45 No man within this City, may  
make any Quill, & break any pipe  
of the Conduit, comming through  
his house, or nigh his ground, un-  
der pain of the Pillorie, or take any  
water privily unto his house.

46 Casting any corrupt thing, ap-  
portioning the water, is Lourgula-  
ry and felony.

47 Whosoeuer destroy or perish  
any Cockes of the Conduit, must  
have imprisonment, and make  
satisfaction.

Old Lawes and Customes of  
this Cittie.

No man shall set up Shop, or  
occupie as a freeman, afor he  
be

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be sworne in the Chamber of London, and admitted by the Chamberlaine, under paine of

48 No man shall set over his apprentice to any other person, but by license of M. Chamberlain, and there to be set over under paine

49 No man which is a forraire shall buy or sell within the Liberties of this Citie, with another forraire, under paine of forfeiture of the goods so forraire bought and sold.

50 No Freeman shall be disobedient for to come at M. Chamberlains commandement, to any summons to him given by any officer of the Chamber, under paine of imprisonment.

51 M. Chamberlain hath power to send a Freeman to Ward, so that hee incontinently after send to the Lord Mayor the cause why that hee

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is punished, so that the Lord Maior release him not, but by the Chamberlaines assent: & if he be a great Commoner, and disobeying to the Chamberlaine, M. Chamberlaine may referre it to a Court of Aldermen.

M. Chamberlaine hath authori-  
tie for to send or command any Ap-  
prentise to the Counter for their of-  
fences: & if their offences be great,  
as in defiling their masters houses  
by vicious living, or offending his  
master by theft, or dis-slaunder, or  
such like, then to command him to  
Newgate.

Apprentise enrolled, his master  
payeth ii.s.vi.d.

Apprentise set over, he that recei-  
veth i.s.

Apprentice made free, he payeth  
four shillings.

Apprentise never enrolled, and  
made

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made free his master payeth xiii.s.  
ii.d.

A man made free by his fathers  
copie payeth xviii.d.

A proclamation made in the time  
of the mayoralty of Sir Michael  
Dormer Knight.

An Act of common Councell,  
made in the Even of S. michael,  
Anno Regis Henrici octavi, xxxi. That  
no person should lay any wares in  
the street, or beyond the edge of their  
stall, upon paine of forfeiture the  
first time vi. s. viii. d. the second  
time, xiii. s. iii. d. and the third  
time the ware so laid.

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